



# WEST WARD MOSAIC

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## WELCOME

... YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN



AT THE COURAGE TO CHANGE CLUB  
22 S. THIRD ST., EASTON  
(ABOVE SHERWOOD'S CHILDREN'S STORE IN THE  
MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING)  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 to 4 PM



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Easy Access to Fresh Food!

## West Ward Market Trolley

Ride the FREE Trolley to the Market in Centre Square Every Saturday May thru October



### 3 West Ward Trolley Stops

Spring Garden Street (behind Cottingham Stadium)

Times: 9:25 am • 10:55 am • 11:35 am

Easton Community Center (9th and Washington Sts.)

Times: 9:35 am • 11:05 am • 11:50 am

Corner of 10th and Butler Streets

Times: 9:40 am • 11:10 am • 11:55 am

Return Trolleys depart Centre Square

Remember those who fight for our freedom...



For More Information go to [www.EastonFarmersMarket.com](http://www.EastonFarmersMarket.com) or Call: 610-330-9942

Contact the Weed & Seed Office at 610-250-2066 or at [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov) for additional information regarding our programs/committees, if you have comments or questions about the West Ward or would like to share an idea. View the West Ward Mosaic, as well as other important information pertaining to the community, online at [www.easton-pa.gov](http://www.easton-pa.gov) click on General Information, select Weed & Seed at the bottom of the drop down menu, scroll down to Newsletter. You can also become a FAN on FACEBOOK!!



COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, INC.  
610-437-6000 Ext. 2351 ask for Gloria

Early Head Start services now in Easton!  
In home program for pregnant moms and infants!

**Don't Delay, Apply Today!**  
At [www.cscinc.org](http://www.cscinc.org) or  
1520 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109  
Educational Programs Prenatal to 5 Years Old



The Northampton Dental Initiative is now accepting appointments for **free dental care** from all Northampton County residents who meet the programs financial criteria. Appointments are available for individuals, children, families and seniors living in Northampton County who have Medical Assistance or who have no dental insurance. This program is made possible by the Two Rivers Health & Wellness Foundation. Dental services offered include, exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, sealants, and x-rays. Services are provided by registered dentist and hygienist and each qualified patient is eligible to receive up to \$500 in services. Appointments are now being accepted. Call toll free for your appointment at 1-866-903-9104.



## CARE NET<sup>®</sup> Of the Lehigh Valley

*Pregnancy Resource Center*  
Free Pregnancy Tests - Options Information  
Parenting and Life Skills Classes  
Serving men, women, & youth

All services are free and confidential.

1101 Northampton St., Ste. 202, Easton 610-559-9327  
[www.carenetlv.org](http://www.carenetlv.org)  
24-Hour crisis pregnancy support 1-800-395-HELP

### FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN 5-18 YEARS OF AGE

Easton Area Community Center at 901 Washington Street serves FREE MEALS to children ages 5-18 that live in the West Ward. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM Monday—Friday. Walk-ins are welcome! Membership NOT required for dinner! Call for more information 610-253-8271

### EASTON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

#### 2010 Summer Day Camp

JUNE 21 TO AUGUST 13

Mon- Fri, 9AM—2PM

(EACC open 2-5PM for non-camping members)

Ages 5 to 15 yrs.

\$25.00 per week

Includes breakfast & lunch

CONTACT

EACC 901 Washington St., Easton, PA

610-253-8271 or [saints1@ptd.net](mailto:saints1@ptd.net)

For more detailed information.

The Boys & Girls Club of Easton's  
**2010 Future Stars Summer Camp!**  
at 1101 Northampton Street, Easton

*Sports, Fitness, Recreation, Arts  
Health, Education, Leadership & More*

June 21<sup>st</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Every weekday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

For all youth ages 5 to 12 years

Call or email for registration details

\* 610 253 5846 \* [stars@fast.net](mailto:stars@fast.net) \* Volunteers needed too!



Family YMCA of Easton, Phillipsburg & Vicinity



Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full-day pre-kindergarten to over 11,800 3 and 4 year olds.

#### You may be eligible to apply if...

Your child is 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2010, You are at-risk of school failure due to income (300% of the federal poverty level, or a family of four earning up to \$66,150), English as a second language, You have an IEP

PA Pre-K Counts is FREE to families who qualify.

#### How Can I Enroll My Child in a Pre-K Counts Classroom at the Family YMCA?

Enrollment applications are available at the Family YMCA Welcome Center or can be downloaded from the Family YMCA website at: [www.familyymca.org/\\_childcare/prek.htm](http://www.familyymca.org/_childcare/prek.htm)

For more information, please contact Susan Lavelle, Pre-K Counts Director, at 610-438-6210 or [pkc@familyymca.org](mailto:pkc@familyymca.org)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM W&S  
Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT)...  
(see back page for meeting time and location)**

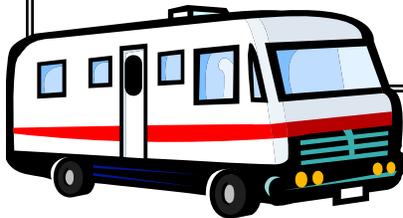
HAVE ALL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED AT ONE PHARMACY. HAVING ALL MEDICATIONS ON FILE AT ONE PHARMACY CAN HELP MONITOR USE AND PREVENT HARMFUL INTERACTIONS.

**ST LUKE'S MOBILE HEALTH VAN**

will be at **Cheston Elementary School** located at  
723 Coal Street in Easton.

Tuesday May 18, 2010 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM.

ALL SCREENINGS ARE FREE whether you have insurance or not.  
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



**PLEASE  
DON'T FEED THE  
FOWL IN THE  
EASTON PARKS!**

THIS IS VERY UNHEALTHY  
AND UNLAWFUL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION!



**Cell phone numbers  
go public this month.**

All cell phone numbers are being re-leased to telemarketing companies- sand you will start to receive sales calls. Depending on what type of plan you have..... THESE CALLS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR MINUTE ALLOWANCE!

To prevent this, call 1-888-382-1222 from your cell phone. This is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. You MUST call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked.

HELP OTHERS BY SPEADING THE WORD! For additional information go to <https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx> .

The Easton Fire Department, in cooperation with WFMZ-Channel 69, has smoke detectors available for city residents.



The smoke detectors will be installed by fire department personnel.

To make an appointment please contact the Easton Fire Department at 610.250.6672. Supplies are limited.

# LifeBridge<sup>SM</sup> MassMutual's Free Life Insurance Program

## Protect Your Child's Education At No Cost To You

For those who qualify, LifeBridge offers free life insurance coverage for the benefit of your children's education.

The Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) is offering free life insurance to cover an insured parent or legal guardian for a period of 10 years. Under the LifeBridge program, if the parent or guardian passes away during the 10 years of coverage, \$50,000 will be paid to a trust administered by the MassMutual Trust Co., FSB, to cover the educational expenses of their eligible children. MassMutual pays the premiums for you.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Individuals are eligible to apply if they are:

- Between the ages of 19 and 42
- The parent or legal guardian of one or more dependent children under age 18
- A permanent, legal resident of the United States
- Currently employed full or part time with a total family income not less than \$10,000 or more than \$40,000 annually
- In good health, as determined by MassMutual's underwriting guidelines.

### Bring with you:

1. A copy of your last tax return form — 1040 or 1040A (used to confirm your income).
2. Your last pay stub (used to confirm you are currently working).
3. The Social Security numbers of your children/dependents under the age of 18.
4. Proper identification (i.e. driver's license, green card, photo ID).

MassMutual representatives will be available to assist you with the LifeBridge application process. A medical professional will also be available to take blood and urine samples to confirm your health status. All financial and medical information will be kept strictly confidential and used only to determine your eligibility for LifeBridge.

The Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley and Shiloh Baptist Church invite you to the following meeting:

**Date:** Saturday, May 8, 2010  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Shiloh Baptist Church  
220 Brother Thomas Bright Ave.  
Easton, PA

Please call Alesia Milmine at 484-893-1030 to schedule your 15 minute appointment. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**



Ride Safe



BIKE DAY!

**Saturday May 22nd 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Centre Square at Easton Farmers' Market**

*A day of bicycle safety and fun in Downtown Easton! Parents & children of all ages are encouraged to attend.*

Basic skills course to practice handling \* Bicycle safety checks with a mechanic \* Demo bikes to test ride \* Helmet fittings \* Bike & helmet decorating contest \* Group rides for adults and children over age 10 \* **"Ride with the Mayor" at 12 Noon**

PLUS: Easton Farmers' Market Rainbow Scavenger Hunt, Bike safety arts & crafts, live music and more!

For more information visit: [www.EastonFarmersMarket.com](http://www.EastonFarmersMarket.com) or call: 610-330-9942

**ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.** is providing resources & information to Northampton Co. residents who have been impacted by the recession. These services are made possible in part by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley using funds under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

**YOUR NEXT JOB...GET IT! KEEP IT!**

**Job Readiness & Job Security @**  
Easton Area Public Library  
515 Church Street, Easton, PA  
18042

DATE: Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

CONTACT: NOEMI MCCAULLEY, Community Educator, 610-258-1100, ext. 15 or [communityed@projecteaston.org](mailto:communityed@projecteaston.org), Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS DURING THIS RECESSION**

**For Tenants & Landlords**  
**Speaker: North Penn Legal Services @**

Easton Area Public Library  
515 Church Street, Easton, PA 18042  
DATE: Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**May 31st!**



Family Connection is participating in the **Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday June 12, 2010** along with 22 other local health and human services organizations. This fun event helps us to raise funds to support programs for children and families in Easton. Because Highmark underwrites all of the costs of the walk, **100% of funds raised directly benefit the participating organizations.** Registration is now available online: <http://familyconnection.dojiggy.com/>. You can register as an individual or start a team with coworkers, family, and friends. Please sign up today and join us for this exciting event. We hope to see you there!



**Kindergarten Kickoff Carnival**  
sponsored by Family Connection

**Friday June 18th, 3 - 6 p.m.**

**Paxinosa Elementary School, 1221 Northampton Street**

This event is free and open to all families with pre-school age children. Activities include the Fun Bus, a clown, moon bounce, tour of the school, music, crafts, games, and physical exercises.



**ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS**

The Easton Area School District is accepting appointments for new student registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Please Note: Registrations are done by appointment only. Please call 610-250-2400 for more information.

## Employment Opportunities

Summer Pool Managers, Lifeguards and Gate Attendant positions available at the Easton/Phillipsburg & Vicinity YMCA. Visit [www.familyymca.org](http://www.familyymca.org) for more information.

**EMPLOYERS:** Post your employment needs here...It's FREE! Email your information to [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov).

...and remember  
those who made the  
ultimate sacrifice!



### Community Policing/Safety Meeting

Thursday May 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM at  
the Salvation Army building located at  
1110 Northampton Street in Easton.

Law Enforcement Strategies will be discussed. With warm weather approaching we will detail some of the Bicycle Patrol plans as well as plain clothes and undercover operations. We need assistance from residents regarding information and incident tracking. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

## A Message

### From Our Senator...

Senator Bob Mensch (R-24) is offering additional operating hours for Northampton residents. Mensch's district office is located at 1701 Washington Boulevard in Easton. The hours will be Tuesday 11am – 4:30pm and Thursday 9am – 4:30pm. In addition, Mensch is offering satellite office hours in Palmer and Forks Townships. Forks office hours are held between 9:30 am – 11:00 am on the first Tuesday of every month. Palmer office hours are held between 9:30 am – 11:00 am on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. "In order to be even more accessible to residents of the 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District, I am announcing additional office hours in Northampton County. My staff and I can help with a number of state related matters including PACE and PACENET applications for senior citizens, property tax rent rebate forms, PennDOT paperwork and many others" said Mensch.

The district office can also help with:

- Absentee ballots and voter registration forms
- Status reports on legislation
- Copies of House and Senate bills and state laws
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates
- Arranging group tours of the State Capitol Building

The telephone number for Senator Mensch's Easton district office is (610) 250-5624, and the fax number is (610) 250-5628.

## Easton Weed & Seed Committee Meeting Schedule & Contact Information

*Meetings Open to the Public  
RESIDENT PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!*

### AID Team

AID Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 4:00 p.m.  
Paxinosa Elementary School Library  
Chair - Lori Metz 610-258-6158 x22  
[lori@familyymca.org](mailto:lori@familyymca.org)

### Community Policing (Safety)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
Chair - Lt. J. Remaley 610-250-6752  
[jremaley@easton-pa.gov](mailto:jremaley@easton-pa.gov)

### Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 3:30 p.m.  
Easton Area Public Library  
Chair - Louella Morris 610-250-2066  
[wshealthcommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:wshealthcommittee@yahoo.com)

### Easton Area Violence Prevention Task Force

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Alpha Building  
Chair - Pastor Sue Ruggles  
[eavptf@gmail.com](mailto:eavptf@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood Restoration

May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
1121 Lehigh Street Mike Fleck's home  
Chair - VACANT  
[mfleck@easton-pa.gov](mailto:mfleck@easton-pa.gov)

For additional information contact  
Laura Accetta, Site Coordinator at (610) 250-2066 or  
[laccetta@easton-pa.gov](mailto:laccetta@easton-pa.gov)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Kites 4 Kids**  
Sponsored by the  
Easton Blockwatch



**Heil Park**  
**Sunday May 23, 2010 from 1—3:00 PM**  
**\$5.00 per person. Bring your own kite**  
**or one will be provided. Proceeds go**  
**to Cancer 4 Kids.**



**Contact Lorraine at 610-252-8834 for more info.**